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Hello Jonathan,

Please send me a status of these applications and expected file dates. PLEASE NOTE THE BAR DATE FOR EMILY'S APPLICATIONS IS EARLY NOVEMBER. We must get these filed in October or we will lose the rights to these inventions.

If there are any problems with inventors, please contact me.

Emily Rab IL9-2003-0038 Inexpensive Reliable Computer Storage via Heterogeneous Architecture and a Novel Staged Storage Policy

Emily Rab IL9-2003-0036 Continuous on demand Automatic optimization of business IT infrastructures and processes according to general Business Objectives (economic considerations)

Emily Rab IL9-2003-0037 Using DICOM Modality Worklist Management for Image Cache management

Emily Rab IL9-2003-0039 Scalable and Manageable content based Object Management

Jonathan Topper IL9-2003-0025 Active Monitoring of Dependency Models

Please give me a call if there are any open issues.
thank you
Suzanne

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best regards
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Hello Jonathan,

Enclosed please find the main idea for the above mentioned disclosure.

Have a nice day,

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Hello Ehud,

Enclosed please find the two applications for drafting:

1. Docket: IL9-2003-0025

Title:Active Monitoring of Dependency Models

Inventors:

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Gilat Dagan
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Main Idea:

(See attached file: Active Monitoring of Dependency Models.pdf)

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Hi Suzanne,

The response is written - I am waiting for the co-authors to return their review.

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Guy and I have reviewed the documents and we have no additional comments.

About your questions:

Page 18 - XML (Extensible Markup Language - <http://www.w3.org/XML/>) Flat
(e.g. text files where data is separated by spaces or commas) and SOAP

(Simple Object Access Protocol - <http://www.w3.org/TR/SOAP/>) are some standards / methods to represent data, including event information. Page 19 - MQ is IBM's messaging software (<http://www-3.ibm.com/software/integration/wmq/>). It is used to transfer messages (including events) from one application/computer to others.

Regards,

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Dear Guy and Suzanne,

I am sorry that this first draft has taken so long: the truth is that I have struggled and this has caused delays.

I am attaching a partial draft: "partial" in the sense that we need to add claims and I prefer to discuss this with Guy so that we can do this "interactively" over the telephone (I have found this an effective technique in the past).

Since the invention requires - but need not include - a situation awareness unit (such as AMIT) and models business components using syntax that must be conformed to the situation awareness unit being used, this requires some description of the basic syntax used by AMIT. I have basically copied the relevant description from your earlier application USSN 09/473,205 (when

incidentally was it filed?). Specifically, Figs. 1 and 2 are lifted from that application as well as most of the accompanying description. I am not at all sure whether the description is completely enabling without a further description of AMIT: I leave this to you to advise. I would ideally have liked to refer to a publication describing AMIT; but failing this - and bearing in mind that USSN 09/473,205 has not yet been published - I am constrained to describing as much about AMIT at least to allow the requisite interfacing with the modeling system of the invention. I repeat that I am by no means satisfied that I have included just sufficient to enable one of average skill in the relevant arts to be able to carry out the invention.

My text includes various questions that require Guy's further input: these are identified by the word [GUY: ..] in red script. I await your answers.

I hope that you find the script readable and logically developed. You may prefer to move sections around and if you wish to make amendments, then I would much prefer you to make the necessary changes (if possible using Microsoft Word's revision tracking). This is much easier for me than sending a long list of requested amendments!

I await your comments and clarifications.

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Hello Guy,
Have you answered Jonathan?

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Authority without wisdom is like a heavy axe without an edge: fitter to
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Dear Guy,

This will briefly confirm our telephone conversation of July 31, 2003
relating to additional information which I feel is required in order to
render the description of your invention completely enabling.

1. In the first instance, no description is given of the input. I understand that, according to a preferred embodiment, you provide a GUY which permits a system to be configured graphically. Once this is done, your invention processes the topology of the constructed network and compiles automatically the various dependencies and XML files that are then used by the event "engine".

I do not think that any special description of the manner in which the GUI constructs the topology of the network is required; but I do think that the subsequent processing in order to generate the dependency information in the form of XML files is required.

However, on further reflection, there is another consideration: in your preferred embodiment, the program processes the network topology and outputs various XML files representative of the dependencies and attributes. I assume that this information could be conveyed using other formats and would appreciate your guidance on this.

2. Likewise, a description as to how this is processed by the event "engine" should be given. In general terms, this can be done with the aid of a flow diagram showing the critical steps that are taken. However, I understand this is currently being done by IBM's own event engine called "AMIT". To this extent, we can avoid the need to give a complete description by referring to a publication that describes AMIT in sufficient detail to enable one of average skill in the art to carry out the invention. In other words, it would be sufficient to explain how the XML files are used in general terms by an event engine and then to rely on a prior publication of AMIT to show how the XML files are interfaced with AMIT. Therefore, if a suitable publication exists, kindly send me a copy or a patent number so that I can download it if it is a patent reference.

3. Thirdly, I requested that you give me some brief details as to how the invention is integrated with a real system. Thus, on the one hand, clearly the invention can be used to simulate a business model. However, it can also be used to flag potential problems that might emerge in a running system in real time owing to a fault that occurs in a component thereof. You led me to believe that this is, in fact, fairly standard but some brief explanations as to the integration would be very much appreciated, even if in the end I decide not to include it in the final description.

I look forward to receiving the additional information and, of course, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Dear Guy,

As you know I am handling your application and I am attaching US 2002/0138571, which appears to have some bearing on the general subject matter of your invention. There are, to be sure, features of your invention that are not shown in this published patent application but I would appreciate your briefly reviewing it and letting me know whether it is relevant - even if only by way of background.

I am out of the office until Monday, July 7 but await your e-mail reply with interest.

Regards,

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